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Dear Commissioner Henney:

It is of great concern to me that livestock producers routinely add medically important antibiotics to animal feed to promote growth. Virginiamycin is routinely fed to poultry. It is a close cousin to Synercid, which has become a last resort, in humans, for bacterial infections resistant to other antibiotics. Now bacteria are starting to resist Synercid, probably due to Virginiamycin in poultry feed (and in our systems, therefore).

I urge you to take action to prevent the routine addition of these antibiotics to animal feed.

Sincerely,

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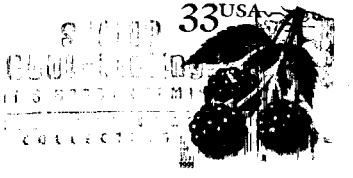

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